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For: CONDUIT COUPLING DEVICE	)	
AND METHODS FOR	)	
EMPLOYING SUCH DEVICES	)	

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action, of which the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (“PTO”) notified Applicants on November 19, 2008, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the above-captioned patent application in view of the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Request for Reconsideration** begins on page 7 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.

**Conclusion** begins on page 13 of this paper.